

# City College News

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**TRESSED UP** - Hairdressing apprentices Mimma Vero (left) and Maureen Denny prepare Creative Fashion students to appear in the fashion show at the recent Fashion Division open house at Kensington Campus. Hundreds of high school students visited the open house, called *Avenues to Fashion*, and saw displays of student work from all parts of the division, including furniture-making, and jewellery.

## Theatre-inspired "visioning" by staff to kick off work on academic plan

Work on a comprehensive academic plan for George Brown will begin for many staff in June with an afternoon at the theatre.

They'll be bused from their campuses to the Theatre Arts building on King Street East to watch a 15-minute play about George Brown's history and traditions.

Inspired by the production, they'll then do some "visioning" about the college's future and potential, according to Academic Vice-President Patricia Groves.

Those discussions will kick off a lengthy college-wide process of review, research and reflection that will result eventually in better programs and services for our community.

Called the academic plan, the process will actively involve at least a

third of all staff and could take up to 18 months to complete, Groves says.

All staff are invited to participate in the process, she says.

An essential element of the process is visioning, in which staff describe the ideal state of the college, their department or program. These visions then form a collective goal that leads to a more concrete strategy for action.

"We are going to develop a shared vision," says Groves.

The plays will launch wide-spread discussions in virtually all divisions and departments about the college's future, and will coincide with the start of more formal study and review across the college, including:

- The first meetings of college-wide task forces established to study,

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## Uncertain future is described at campus meetings

Any description of George Brown's prospects in the next few years is a good personality indicator, according to President John Rankin.

In the absence of hard facts about government funding, enrolment or the state of the economy, people reveal their outlook in their predictions, he told campus "town hall" meetings in late April.

Pessimists see lower levels of funding, fewer programs and staff lay-offs. Optimists see opportunities to increase programming and services.

"I'm with the optimists," he told staff.

The biggest unknown that could have a significant impact on the college is the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board (OTAB) and Metro Toronto Local Training and Adjustment Board (LTAB), he said.

These boards will be responsible for channeling training funds from both the Ontario and federal governments for skills training, upgrading, workplace and apprenticeship training.

No one knows how favourably OTAB and LTAB will look on college bids for continuing training programs in these areas, and there could be increased competition for training dollars from other public- and private-sector trainers, he said.

OTAB and LTAB decisions could have a greater impact at George Brown than most colleges because of its heavy involvement in skills training and upgrading. Programs of these types are responsible for more than 30 per cent of the college's annual operating budget.

Rankin also said at the meetings that:

- Total student enrolment is expected to level off in the next few years after two years of dramatic increases.

- Ministry of Colleges and Universities grant increases will fall to historically low levels of about two per cent in the next few years. The Ministry grant, which is based on enrolment,

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# Academic plan

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discuss and make recommendations about programming, general education, learning resources, and access and students. All staff are being invited to join the task forces and take part in the discussions.

- The beginning of deliberations of a group headed by Health Sciences Dean Lynne Mulder to start a process of reviewing all programs in the college. The appointed group will look at curriculum, the employment rate of graduates and program strengths and weaknesses. Results of the study, which will begin in the fall of 1992, will be used by the task forces in their discussions, Mulder says.

- Staff will carry out internal analysis and academic planning of their own division.

- A study of external forces that will affect the future of the college and what it teaches, including changes in the economy and funding priorities of federal and provincial governments, as well as the emerging needs of the community.

While much of the work on these committees and task forces will be volunteer, some staff may be released or seconded from their regular work for specific projects, and some outside experts will be hired to conduct the external analysis and assist with the internal scan.

The academic plan will guide the Board of Governor's strategic, financial and facilities planning, says Groves.

The play, which is being called a vocal masque, will be held in the Theatre Arts building at 530 King St. E. on June 8 and 9 at 1:30 p.m.

See the June 8 and 9 calendar item on this page for details about transportation for staff from all campuses to this event.

## Uncertain future

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accounts for more than half of George Brown's revenue.

- George Brown will continue developing the expertise of its staff with increased professional development spending as well as seminars for staff about human rights issues, financial management, and service quality.
- A campus development plan is underway with studies of space utilization and campus configuration.

# Events

**May 29** - Deadline for nominations for vacant positions on College Council Staff in the following areas may run for election: Support staff in academic divisions as well as Human Resources, Student Services, Registrar's Office and the Continuing Education and Marketing Division; and faculty in the School of Business, School of Hospitality, Fashion, Graphic Arts and Access Divisions, as well as academic staff working in Human Resources, Continuing Education and Marketing, and Student Services. For information call council nominations chair Brian Cooper at 867-2230.

**May 30** - *Annual staff picnic* on Centre Island. Featuring field events, games, and a barbecue lunch, 10 a.m. to mid-afternoon. Parking is available at 100 Cherry St., with bus transportation to the island ferry starting at 8 a.m. (Rain date June 6.)

**June 2** - Board of Governors meeting, 500 MacPherson, boardroom, 5 p.m. To attend, call Jeanette Cairns at 944-4472.

**June 4 - 6** - School of Dance youth ensemble presents *Spring Dances*, Winchester Street Theatre, 80 Winchester St., Toronto. For tickets, call 867-2035.

**June 5** - Support Staff Local 557 *Western Spring Dance*. 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., United Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil St. Featuring steak barbecue, City Limits Band (including Hospitality teacher Herb Mueller), and cash bar. Free for support staff, \$10 for guests. Tickets available from Tom Crean (944-4310) Cynthia McDonagh (944-4473) or Debbie Wilson (867-2415). No ticket sales at door.

**June 8** - Start of Elderhostel program for older adults at the School of Hospitality. Sponsored by the School of Hospitality and the Access Division. For details call Susan Rudin at 944-4522.

**June 8 and 9** - Academic Plan play and discussion groups, 1:30 to 4 p.m. on both days. George Brown Theatre School, 530 King St. E. (at River St.) All staff are invited to come and see a short play about the college's history and traditions and then participate in

discussions that will help kick off the college's academic planning process. (See story on page 1.) A college bus will pick up staff for the event in front of 160 Kendal Ave. at 1 p.m.; at Kensington (on Nassau St.) at 12:45 p.m.; at Nightingale at 1 p.m.; and at 200 King St. E. (on Frederick St.) at 1:15 p.m. Return transportation to all campuses will be provided.

**June 11** - College Council meeting, 300 Adelaide St. E., room 310, 8:45 to 11 a.m. All welcome. This meeting will feature a talk by Walter Pitman, the educator and scholar whose report on colleges was responsible for the creation of college councils.

**June 19 - 20** - Post-secondary convocations, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. For more information, call Student Life Manager Dudley Campbell at 867-2106.

**June 22 - 24** - Three-day workshop for students with learning disabilities. For more information, call Ellen Capano-Ramkissoon at 867-2622.

**June 25** - George Brown College golf tournament, Glen Eagles Golf Club, north of Bolton, Ont. For more information, call Tom Tomassi at 944-4349 or 968-2155.

**Uncoming** - First Annual George Brown Golf Tournament to raise money for athletic scholarships. Sept. 24, 1992, Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club. Tickets \$150 including green fees, cart, banquet and donation. For information call Alex Barbier at 867-2099.

## Jobless training program launched at George Brown

The Ontario government chose the gritty background of the Casa Loma millwright lab to launch a \$1-billion province-wide training program for UIC exhautees and people on welfare in early May.

The plan—called the Jobs Ontario Training Fund—will give up to \$10,000 for training to employers when they hire a jobless person. In addition, the government will pay to prepare 1,100 people for jobs with courses in math and English.

# Gasoline found in sewer and ground

Gasoline has been found leaking into storm sewers and saturating soil below a college parking lot at Casa Loma Campus.

College staff are now working with city public works and Ministry of Environment officials to find the source of the gasoline.

Gasoline was first discovered in the storm sewer catch basin in the college parking lot just north of 37 Dartnell Ave. on May 10.

Some soil samples taken from all around the catch basin—to try to track the source of the gasoline—were found to contain high levels of gasoline saturation. Further soil tests on college and city property are expected to provide a better idea of the source of the contamination.

Only when the source of the gasoline has been found, and the flow stopped, will the college learn what action, if any, it must take to rid its property of the gasoline contamination.

Staff and students in 37 Dartnell Ave. were released early on May 8 because of a gasoline odour, but classes have continued normally since then.



Casa Loma Campus Manager Mike McGee (left) and City of Toronto Public Works employee Joe Banville look at a sewer catch basin in the Casa Loma parking lot where gasoline was found recently. The white hose is constantly flushing the sewer with water to prevent a potentially dangerous buildup of gasoline liquid or fumes.



Board of Governors member GERALYN CHRISTMAS gives an Award of Excellence plaque to BRIAN DAWE, one of eight people in the Transportation Department who won the Team Achievement Award.

## Transportation Department wins staff award

The Board of Governors has publicly recognized a driving force at George Brown.

The Board gave an Award of Excellence for Team Achievement to the eight members of the college's Transportation Department.

Department members spend their days, and sometimes evenings and weekends, driving people and packages to their destinations, as well as clearing snow and handling college mail.

Nominated by former President Doug Light and his assistant Pat Smith, as well as Loreen Miskevich and Leo Suokas, the department includes Bob Farquharson, Gerrardo Flammia, Bill Babcock, Tim Hawley, Brian Dawe, Hollis Carmichael and Truman Caverley.

Other nominees for the team achievement award were: Information Systems, the Financial Aid Office, St. James Resource Centre, and the Enquiry Centre (formerly called Information Services).

Other winners of the third annual Board of Governors Staff Awards of Excellence, presented at reception at Plumer's in late April, were:

Kay Oxford, a professor in English and Liberal Studies, who won the award for Educational Achievement.

Board chairperson Linda Geluch described Oxford as showing a "wonderful commitment to literacy." Other nominees for this award were Stephen Burr, Brian Walmsley, and Dr. Stanley Klimitz.

Siggy Bulla, a Hospitality teacher who manages Plumer's Dining Room, earned the award for Outstanding Service to the College Community. Other nominees in this category were Louise Trudel-Kruithof, Christine Teal, Cheryl Ho, Dorothy Ellis, Cristina Grossi, Marilyn Stack, Michael Silvestri, and Marianne Taylor.

Murray Goodfellow, a teacher in the Futures program, was presented with the award for Outstanding Community Service. Goodfellow has been active with the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic charitable organization.

Christel Klocke, Jewellery Arts coordinator, was honoured with the award for Leadership within a Profession. She was described by former board member Jenny Ono as being "in the top of her field in Canada," and a teacher whose students have consistently been the top scorers in national exams. Other staff members nominated for this award were Luciana D'Arcangelo, Ruth Dyson, Jim Meikle, and Emile Zamperin.



# Names in the News



Photo: Debbie Black

**BOWLED OVER, AND OVER, AND OVER-** George Brown Ceramics students Linda Berlin (left) and Mary Jane Ormond created 60 bowls to be given to presenters at the Metro Colleges Support Staff Conference on May 28. The experience of creating 60 identical bowls by hand was trying. "Seeing the prototype bowl on the table and trying to reproduce the same shape many times was difficult," says Ormond. George Brown staff who were to lead sessions at the conference include John Hardy, Ellen Capano-Ramkissoon, Kim Nullmeyer, John Rankin, Mary Samuel, Owen Pearce, Katie Welnetz, Carole Ann MacDonald, Tim Dineen, Brian Cooper, Karen Krugel, Janet Jack and Lorella Lee.

Marjorie McColm is now running Nightingale Campus as well as eight day-care centres scattered across the city. She is now campus manager as well as manager of day-care operations. She replaces Al Cockburn, who remains campus manager of Kensington Campus.

A nation-wide search is underway for a new Dean of the School of Technology and Science and a new Registrar for George Brown. Ads were recently placed in the Globe and Mail for these positions. The new dean will replace Shirley Holloway, and the new registrar will replace Garry Watson.

There's no vegging in front of the TV for sessional Graphic Arts teacher Barbara Fanson. When she leaves George Brown she heads home to run a graphic design company and publish her own newsletter. This busy schedule won Fanson the second place

award in the 1992 "Homepreneur of the Year" contest sponsored by the Federal Business Development Bank and the Ontario Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Technology.

Community Services Dean Jeff Vile is heading a group of staff organizing an academic symposium for this fall called *The Language of Learning*. Tentative date is Nov. 20.

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The Human Resources Department reports the following staff changes:

New support staff includes Stephen Minuk, who is working on development of the Eden computer system in the Registrar's Office.

Internal transfers include: Sue Ascenzi, who moves from the Ontario Skills Development Office to the Human Rights office at 500 MacPherson; Gwennyth Buttle and Katherine Downey, who move from faculty posts in Math and Science at Casa Loma to Health Sciences; Suzanne Clark, who has moved from a support position in the Educational Access Services Department at Casa Loma to one at St. James; Maureen Hynes, who moves from the Community Outreach Department to the School of Labour; Dan Daniel, who moves from a faculty position in the Metal Fabrication Department to one in the Architectural Engineering Department; Kevin Desrués and John Vrolyk, who move from faculty posts in the Math and Science Department at Casa Loma to the Electronics Department; Beverley Drummond, who moves from a support position in the Registrar's Office to one in the President's Office; Howard Gerhard, who moves from a faculty position in the English and Liberal Studies Department at Casa Loma to a position with the President's Office, where he is facilitator of the Performance for Excellence project; and Jackie MacDonald of the Casa Loma Admission's Office has moved to the Registrar's Office at 500 MacPherson.

Ventures Director Bryan Gregg, along with Bookstores and Printing Manager Dan Benson and Textbook Buyer Kathy Oh, have moved their office from Casa Loma to St. James.

Rachele Rossi of the Registrar's Office has changed her name to Rachele Maciel.

Leaving the college are Arne Larsen and Judy Williams.

Many college staff were saddened to hear of the recent death of former college academic vice-president Gord Armstrong, who retired in 1976. *City College News* will carry a full story about this George Brown pioneer in its next issue.